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WIDMAN LANDS IN FRANCE

Pvt. Phil Widman, on military furlough from REA's Associate Solicitor's Office, has landed in France. Phil was among the first contingent of Yanks to set foot on the shores of Normandy, according to a letter recently received.

"First chance I had to write since we landed on the beach-head," Phil writes. "Life has been full of exciting events. Anchored off the beach-head, our landing-craft was dive-bombed by the Jerries two nights in succession -- a bomb missed us and hit the ship alongside.

"I'm getting used to the comforts of a fox-hole in what used to be a French apple orchard. Ever since we have been here in France, Jerry aircraft have visited us nightly. A few nights ago I saw a Messerschmidt shot down by one of our AA batteries. At dawn, some blankety-blank Nazi pilot machine-gunned our position while we were asleep in our fox-holes. Luckily, no casualties.

"Things look good for us though. Cherbourg will be taken soon and I hope we'll be in Paris by the end of July."

REA OVERSUBSCRIBES IN BOND DRIVE BY 21 %

REA went over the top in the Fifth War Loan with the proverbial bang! Here are the vital statistics:

Our total quota was \$76,955.17. Payroll deductions for June and July amounted to \$36,752.48. That left a balance of \$40,202.69 to be sold in REA during the drive.

REAers bought that many bonds and they didn't stop there. They exceeded the quota by 21 per cent, rolling the total up to \$48,757.75, or \$8,555.06 more than was specified. All except \$6,000 of this total represented "E" Bond purchases.

The campaign closed officially on July 8 but REA Assistant Chairman Louise Robinson reported, as the Roll Call went to nineograph, that more bonds are being sold. She specifically cited one purchaser of a thousand dollar bond after the drive closed.

The Roll Call is glad to open its columns in hearty admiration of the whole committee in REA and of everybody who helped make the campaign the whopping success it was by buying bonds.

TWO CANDLES FOR THE ROLL CALL

This week, the Roll Call, REA's official publication for its men and women in service, begins to doff its swaddling clothes as it blows out two candles on its birthday cake. As we start our third year, we pledge our best efforts toward providing all REAers in uniform all the news and views about their comrades in arms and their friends and relatives on the home front. As ever, we solicit your contributions and your criticism. Our new address is 840 Boatmen's Bank Building, St. Louis 2, Mo.

BILL DEAN, M.P., TELLS ABOUT HIS DUTIES

From New Guinea Pvt. Bill Dean writes via V-Mail, telling us of the trials and tribulations of an M.P. (that's 'military police', not 'member of Parliament.') "The M.P. job over here is nothing like it was in the States. We do everything from loading and unloading boats to fighting with the infan- try. Boy, it's some outfit!" Bill is on military furlough from Region 6 of the Finance Division.

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE

Where oh where is Pvt. Robin Lett? We have five consecutive issues of this paper, all returned by the Post-Office. Nobody here at REA seems to know where he's been transferred. Robin, please contact the home nest at once! Ditto Lt. Philip Bauman and Cpl. James C. McReynolds. . . . Wish we had room to publish a splendidly phrased letter from Staff Sgt. Bill Schifter. . . . Johnnie Tvelia is in the Army, at Camp Upton. John has forgotten more about poker and its thousand variations than we will ever know. . . . Don't forget to write the Roll Call when you have time -- we'd like to hear from all of you.



IS OUR FACE RED??

That reddish glow that you see over the horizon belongs to the Roll Call's face. It's blushing because, in the last issue, it announced that Major Don Basler was the soldier chosen to adorn the front cover of the RE News, when anybody could see that it was Lt. Don Housley instead.

Housley and Basler are good friends, according to "Sammy" and no serious friction will result between them over this unfortunate mishap. As for the editor, he hopes that "Quiet Flows The Don."

COLUMN WRITE!

Let us pause and shed a silent tear for Pvt. Anna M. Willett. Annie was all set to go overseas -- had her APO number and everything -- but at the last minute the War Dep't powers-that-be changed their minds. Now she's waiting for further orders. . . . Capt. Kermit Cline, somewhere in the Aleutians, reports that Lt. Lester Reynolds looked him up on one of his recent trips through Cline's territory. They were strangers at REA but that didn't ward off an old-fashioned gab-fest. Cline says that they miss the corner drug store, restaurants, paved roads, automobiles, sunshine and -- oh yes -- girls. . . . Well, well, well, here's Capt. John Eddy, popping up in a welcome V-Mail letter to the Roll Call. Johnnie's been in England for a year, talked to Willard Bixby on the phone but hasn't seen him yet. Bixby, in turn, said he saw Ho Blades recently and that she's "getting along fine." REA oldtimers will remember Jo -- she was a mainstay of the Personnel Division. . . . (P.S. to the Cline item up there: He sent us a snap-shot of a tunnel cut through a solid hunk of ice. Brrr!) . . . Central Filos has received two V-Mail letters from Sgt. Frank Hanrahan and Pvt. Ray Klink, former filers. Ray said something about the invasion but the censor gave it a black-out. Frank said Frank, Jr. now weighs 22 lb. "which is about one stone less than his old man." . . . "The Army probably thought I'd seen enough of California," says Pvt. Al Tranchilla, "so they shipped me to Louisiana. But they can send me back anytime." . . . Souvenir Department: USMC Capt. Murdoch McLeod, former Informer, sent Allyn Walters a Jap shell from Tarawa. Major Joseph (Snuffy) Smith sent the Roll Call a Jap identification tag snipped from the uniform of a son of Nippon. "He won't be needing it any more," says Snuffy. . . . Cpl. Tony Capriglione is waiting to see some of his pals across the Atlantic. Laredo Air Field, where he's been stationed the past year, has just added a Central Instructor's School, Co-Pilot School (B-24), and Combat Gunnery Officers School, all of which makes Laredo a place at which G.I. Joe can acquire some useful knowledge. . . . Pfc. Zelda Krinowitz has been tempering her hard work at Santa Monica with some radio broadcasts. Saw Bob Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien, Jerry Colonna, James Melton, and the real Dr. Wassell. On the 16th, they're taking her and the other Air-Wacs there to Catalina Island for an outing. Some life, say we! . . .

GOING UP!

Pfc. Albert Tranchilla
Cpl. Anthony Capriglione
1st Lt. Albert Stern
S-2/c Ray L. Garcia
Capt. Kermit R. Cline
P.O. 1/c Clifford A. Kurth
S/Sgt. William Schifter
Capt. John H. Eddy
Lt. Bruce G. Bingham
T/5 J. Gerald Denton
T/3 Reuben E. Fields
Lt. (JG) George E. McPhee

SPECIAL NOTE TO REA PEOPLE NOW IN ST. LOUIS

Many of the items you read in the Roll Call reach us via your courtesy in calling us and telling of a letter you have received. We appreciate this thoughtfulness and we invite all REA employees to help us in this way. The Roll Call's number is 585.

Another contender for "long time no see" honors is Lt. Bruce G. Bingham who V-Mails from Australia on the second anniversary of his arrival there. . . . Cpl. Jim Helms dropped in the other day. Jim was ready to go overseas when, out of a blue sky, he was transferred to the Engineers and put in the newly-formed Topographical Battalion, because of his excellent record in map-making. . . . "The Italian girls are pretty" says Cpl. Joe Kubek, now in Rome, "but I'll take an American girl any time." Joe was at the fighting line for 50 days. . . . "Call the whole staff together and have them bow their collective heads in silence for one deathless moment. Al Stern has become a First Lieutenant." The aforementioned message was written by Al Stern. . . . Pvt. Ralph Chesley spent the 4th in St. Louis. He's in the Kansas Recruiting Office in the K.C. County Court House. Spent 6 weeks at Fort Dodge, Iowa. . . . Lt. Harry Shattuck called from Kirkwood, Mo. on his way to San Diego after 2 months at Fort Schuyler. Harry completed 4½ mo. of boot training at S. D. and, now that he has his commission, has asked to be transferred out there again. He came through here with his wife and second-hand car. . . . If you're not getting the Roll Call regularly, be sure to write us. Address is on page one.

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